

Some facts on the Lake County Adult Detention Facility Inmate Commissary Funding

The Inmate Commissary is designed to meet the basic hygienic and psychological needs of the inmate population by providing, for sale, a selection of toiletries, snack foods, reading and writing materials as well as some basic medical supplies. This in house Commissary helps to strengthen the security of the facility by decreasing the chances of contraband being introduced into the facility from these types of items being dropped off or brought in by visitors.

In the current economic environment it needs to be known that the inmate Commissary is solely for the benefit of the inmate population. No taxpayer dollars are used to fund our inmate Commissary here at the Lake County Sheriff's Office. The profits made from Commissary sales are used to fund several programs that are specifically for the benefit of the inmate population.

In 2015, Inmate Commissary sales totaled **\$350,915.94** which generated a profit of **\$70,183.18**.

Commissary profits help to provide the following to the inmate population:

Indigent packages are distributed to inmates with no funds on their Commissary account on a weekly basis. These packages provide them with basic essentials to include deodorant, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, pen, paper and two stamped envelopes for correspondence. The cost approximately is \$2.50 per package. In 2015, on average 316 packages were distributed per month which totaled **\$790.00** for a grand total of **\$9,480.00**.

Profits from the inmate Commissary account fund the **G.E.D. Program** through **Painesville ABLE** at an annual cost of **\$10,636.80**. This program is designed to help those inmates who are incarcerated to attend classes and obtain their G.E.D. certificate thus preparing them to return to society and seek employment.

Inmate Commissary profits also fund the Inmate Law Library at an annual cost of \$4593.00 which provides two computer stations that the inmates can use to access and review legal materials which is required by law. This system is supported by Lexis Nexis with updated hard drives that contain current state and federal law codes and receive regular updates.

Additional Services provided to inmates from the Inmate Commissary fund for 2015:

Time Warner Cable \$1409.76

News Herald \$9289.40

Swank Motion Picture License \$1381.25

Netflix \$576.00

Each inmate range receives access to the Lake County News Herald newspaper on a daily basis. Access to cable television is also given and provided by Time Warner Cable providing local and basic channels. Once the ranges pass their morning inspections, the TV's are powered up and remain on in the ranges until facility lock down at 11 PM daily. The inmate Commissary profits also pay for the public performance licensing agreement with Swank Motion Pictures which permits the facility to rent two DVD movies from Netflix to play for the population on Friday nights. One of the advantages in providing these additional movies on Friday is that the inmates monitor their own behavior throughout the week. If there are any problems in an individual range the inmates will not receive late night and will be locked down at 11 PM.

The inmate Commissary profits that are used for services for the inmate population saved the tax payers \$70,183.18 in 2015.